

Reflection

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

– 1 Peter 4:12-14

“Let this confidence support us in dangers, and let it also stir us up to call upon God; and let this make our minds quiet and calm, in that the Lord, in stretching forth his hand, and breaking such a strong conspiracy [against Paul], did show an eternal example of his power in defending his.”

– John Calvin

ENTERING GOD’S PRESENCE

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

Call to Worship

from Daniel

Minister (4:34-35): ...I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”

People (6:26-27): ...[T]remble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.

Invocation and Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord’s Prayer)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Hymns of Praise

How Firm a Foundation #94

God Moves in a Mysterious Way #128

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Prayer of Confession and Pastoral Prayer

Words of Comfort and Promise

Romans 8:32-37

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

RENEWING OUR FAITH

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 77

Reader: The Word of the Lord

(Pew Bible p. 972)

People: Amen!

Hymn of Preparation

Though Troubles Assail Us #95

At this time, children in pre-K through Kindergarten may be dismissed to the nursery classroom on the first floor.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Rev. Dustyn Eudaly, Minister

Acts 25 — Christ Overrules Human Rulers in order to Advance His Church
(Pew Bible p. 934)

RESPONDING IN THANKS

Musical Reflection

Children of the Heavenly Father (sung by musicians)

1. Children of the heav’nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e’er was given.
2. God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
4. Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your Protector never slumbers; at the will of your Defender ev’ry foe man must surrender.
5. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne’er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.
6. More secure is no one ever than the loved ones of the Savior; not yon star on high abiding nor the bird in home-nest hiding.

Collection of Offering

Closing Hymn

Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right #108

Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting — Please join us after morning worship **today** for a congregational meeting; the Session will update the church on how things are developing in our various ministries and ways that people can pray and involve themselves. We will also have a time for the congregation to ask questions. Pray that the Lord will continue to build up a true church of Jesus Christ in our midst.

Sunday Night Science Exploration — Inspired by our recent VBS Science Camp, we want to embark upon a church-wide venture to study God and his world together as we understand the relationship between God and science. Adults and children, plan to join us four consecutive Sunday evenings beginning **tonight, September 11th from 5:30-7:00 pm.**

After School Arts Program — We will begin our third year of our arts and music classes for children Kindergarten through 5th grade **this Tuesday, September 13th from 3:30-5:30 pm.** Please invite friends! You can register on our website or by contacting Sarah Fisher (sfisher@htpctampa.org).

Fall Bible Studies — Men and women will begin meeting for Bible study **this Tuesday, September 13th.** The men will study Jeremiah Burroughs’ *Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment* and the women will study 1 & 2 Peter. Books are available **today** in the Courtyard.

Fellowship for Moms — Moms, please join us at Julie Eudaly's home **this Friday, September 16th at 10:00 am** for coffee and fellowship! We plan to discuss a schedule of monthly meetups for moms. If you are interested in participating or would like more information but cannot join us on the 16th, please contact Holly McCollough (hmccollough@htpctampa.org).

Fall Sunday School — Our Adult class will study John Owen’s *Mortification of Sin* this Fall beginning **next Sunday, September 18th at 9:15 am.** Copies of chapters 1-2 which can be read prior to the first class can be picked up **today** in the Courtyard; books are on backorder but will be in soon.

New Members Class — We will begin our seven-week New Members Class during the Sunday School hour (9:15 am) **next Sunday, September 18th.** This class will be taught by the Elders and is intended to provide you with an opportunity to get to know our leadership as we seek to provide you with a clear understanding of the identity of our church. We desire to have a unified vision of church life under the authority of God's Word and are committed to warm, vibrant orthodoxy in life and doctrine under our common Chief Shepherd. RSVP to Sarah Fisher (sfisher@htpctampa.org). See below for details about our upcoming Visitor’s Lunch following the service on the first day of this class.

Lunch for Visitors & Regular Attenders — If you are newer to Holy Trinity, we warmly invite you to join us **Sunday, September 18th** for a fellowship lunch after worship in the Fellowship Hall to get to know others in our church as well as some of our leadership. Please RSVP to Sarah Fisher (sfisher@htpctampa.org).



Acts 25

**Christ Overrules Human Rulers
in order to Advance His Church**

1. _____ does not _____ a
_____.

2. A _____ and _____
is _____ no _____ for
the _____
_____.

WELCOME

HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our theological standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, all of which are subordinate to our only ultimate rule of faith and practice, God's Word (the Old and New Testament Scriptures).

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We invite you to join us for refreshments in the courtyard immediately following the morning worship service.

Let us know how we may pray for you. Fill out a prayer request card, found in the pews, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. The officers of the church will confidentially pray for these requests.

We welcome the participation of children in our worship service. This is their time to hear from God's Word and praise him. Childcare is also available downstairs:

- Age 0-3: childcare available during the entire service (bottom floor)
- Pre-K-K5 Grade: dismissed to the nursery before the sermon

MEETING TIMES

- Sundays:** 9:15 am.....Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 am.....Morning Worship Service
 6:00 pmEvening Worship and Prayer, Covenant
 Kids class, High School & Middle School studies

Nursery and childcare are provide for all above Sunday activities

Small Groups meet at various times for prayer and fellowship in members' homes. See our website for details, htpctampa.org.

Thursdays @ 5:30 pm. Neighborhood Outreach Dinner. We prepare and serve a meal for those in need from the community. More details on website.

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